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Golf Capes.

\$10 was the right price—the popular price for Golf Capes. The price for \$10 Golf Capes is now—**\$4.98**

All furs at half price and less.

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Petticoats.

A lot of \$1 Petticoats, in striped and figured effects, also a lot with flannel—**34c.**

Black Satin Petticoats, heavily lined. Were \$1.25—**75c.**

Corsets Reduced.

To close, our 40c. Corsets—white and drab—**25c.**

Closing Trimmed Hats.

Charming creations in Velvet and Silk Hats—trimmed with velvet, silk ribbons and feathers, also a lot of Morning Hats, that were \$5. To go for—**\$1.48**

Valentines, 1c. to \$2.

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HE PREDICTS SUCCESS

Quin Says That the Association Will Remain in Philadelphia.

FRIENDLY ATTITUDE OF THE PLAYERS

Eddie Santry Defeated by McGovern in Chicago.

CURRENT SPORTING NEWS

President Quin of the New American Association arrived in this city late yesterday afternoon, private business compelling him to leave his brother promoters in Philadelphia for a few hours. He returned to the Quaker city this morning. In conversation with a Star reporter this morning he said:

"I suppose all the base ball enthusiasts of Washington are thoroughly posted on what has been going on during the past week in regard to the national game, and I have nothing in the way of news that I can give them. Michael Scanlon of this city was one of the original movers toward the formation of the association, and but for bad management in the early days, I am sure this city would now be one of us. Mistakes will happen, and therefore there is no use crying over spilt milk."

"You are doubtless aware that through the clever underhand tactics of the National League the capitalists we had back of the proposed Philadelphia club deserted us at the last minute."

"If I remember rightly, The Star last fall predicted that just such a step would be taken, but at that time we were so busy shipping the preliminary organization into shape that the warning was forgotten. Frank Richter, editor of the Sporting Life, was deceived just as the men he was representing would stand by him."

"But the desertion of the original backers in Philadelphia did not harm us at all. A club in Philadelphia representing the new American Association will clear many a wealthy man in the Quaker city, and for this reason backing for a club there will not be hard to secure, once they realize the situation. With Philadelphia in line, all will be plain sailing, and then the National League will have the opportunity of proving to the public that their organization is the only one that has a right to exist, and that the new American Association has transgressed on the rights which they claim to have monopolized."

"One of the best evidences we have that the new American Association will be successful is the attitude of the players. It is an inspiring sight to see the firmness and hustling ability displayed by McGraw, McCarthy and the 'Grand Old Man' Anson. The work of these men has had a good effect on the players, and when once we are organized the fun of signing players will be fast and furious."

"We have regarding the wishes and attitude of the players. It looks to me as if the National League will put up an article of ball which will be very much like that of the minor leagues, as we will be able to secure more than half of its best players. Competition in the way of salaries is what the National League depends upon to keep their men with them, but as a majority of the players are bright and educated, they know full well that their salvation is in the new American Association."

"We expect to put up the salaries of the players, but it is through us alone that the high standard will be maintained. Money in base ball has for its chief object the making of big money, and this can be done only by cutting all expenses down to the lowest point. The new association while willing to make money is also willing to share some of its profits with the players, who really make the game, and in this way expect to gain the confidence of the players and public alike."

"In conclusion, let me say that the promoters of the new American Association in Philadelphia to stay until all the final details of the organization have been completed, and that the greatest success will crown our efforts, both in the formation of clubs and in entering them into the patron of base ball the coming summer."

McGovern Won in Five Rounds.

Eddie Santry No Match for the New Champion.

Terry McGovern added another victory to his string by knocking out Eddie Santry in the fifth round of their fight in Chicago last night. A crowd of 10,000 witnessed the defeat of the western man. The fight was catch-weights for 50 per cent of the prize money. The referee, it was said, the fighters weighed 124 pounds each.

Santry proved clever in blocking McGovern's body blows, but his own blows lacked force. The finishing blow was a right hander on the jaw. The betting was \$10 to \$8 Santry could not stay six rounds.

The International Meet.

Manager Jesse D. Dana of the Yale track team says that Yale has heard nothing from the English universities, Oxford and Cambridge, declining the invitation to come to America for the return international games next summer. Mr. Dana feels confident that the games can be arranged satisfactorily.

McGovern and Santry to Fight.

CHICAGO, February 2.—It is learned that McGovern and Santry have signed articles of agreement to meet in a twenty-five-round contest at New York in April. The articles call for a contest at 122 pounds at the ring-side and a side bet of \$5,000.

PUBLIC DEBT STATEMENT.

A Decrease as Compared With Previous Month of \$8,693,780.

The monthly statement of the public debt shows that at the close of business January 31, 1900, the debt, less cash in the treasury, amounted to \$1,125,636,227, a decrease as compared with last month of \$8,693,780. This decrease is accounted for by a corresponding increase in the amount of cash on hand. The debt is recapitulated as follows:

Interest-bearing debt, \$1,028,963,050; debt on which interest has ceased since maturity, \$1,208,410; debt bearing no interest, \$800,055,740; total, \$1,118,127,200. This amount, however, does not include \$716,048,003 in certificate and treasury notes outstanding, which are offset by an equal amount of cash on hand.

The cash in the treasury is classified as follows: Gold, \$403,406,505; silver, \$302,043,317; paper, \$80,413,615.

Bonds, deposits in national bank deposits, disbursing officers' balances, etc., \$108,475,123. Total, \$1,083,428,561, against which there are demand liabilities outstanding amounting to \$796,937,588, which leaves a net cash balance on hand of \$282,490,973.

PHILIPPINE COMMISSION REPORT.

The Document Handed to the President Yesterday Afternoon.

The members of the Philippine commission in the city, Messrs. Schurman, Worcester, Denby and Admiral Dewey, with Secretary MacArthur, called at the White House late yesterday afternoon and handed their report to the President. It is understood that the report will be sent to Congress within a day or two.

Army Orders.

Second Lieutenant Louis B. Ball, recently appointed, has been assigned to the 10th Cavalry, and ordered to join his regiment at Fort Wingate, N. M.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Charles D. Noble has been ordered to San Francisco for assignment of his contract.

Captain F. P. Reynolds, assistant surgeon, has been relieved from duty at Fort Slocum, N. Y., and ordered to San Francisco.

Lieutenant J. B. Clayton, assistant surgeon, has been relieved from duty in the Philippines and ordered to San Francisco.

HARVARD SONS AT BANQUET

Seventeenth Annual Dinner of the Alumni Club of Washington.

Every Class, From 1835 to 1903, Represented—Addresses by Distinguished Guests—Officers Elected.

There was a representative gathering of men alike prominent in public life and affairs of business at the Shoreham last evening on the occasion of the seventeenth annual dinner of the Harvard Alumni Club of Washington. Every class from 1835 to 1903 was represented, the board and seventy-two members were there, crimson badge of the university and mingled in the festivities. Old times at Harvard were rehearsed with interest by the older members, while the younger ones talked of the deeds of heroism of those of their alma mater who participated in the Spanish-American war.

The guests of honor were Mr. John D. Long, Secretary of the Navy; Mr. John R. Proctor, president of the civil service commission; his excellency, Jutaro Komura, minister from Japan; Prof. Edward H. Strobel of the Howard Law School, and Mr. George B. Leighton of St. Louis, president of the United Harvard Clubs of the west.

Following the dinner Judge Edward Lander, the newly-elected president and oldest member of the club, who acted as toastmaster, reviewed briefly the history of the college during the last year, and spoke feelingly of the growth and spread of its influence. He proposed the toast of "Harvard," whose mottoes are below, by old and young alumni," which was drunk standing.

Secretary John D. Long was introduced as a former governor of the commonwealth who had risen to high honors, and he was called on to tell the club what he thought of Harvard.

"You ask me, sir, what I think of Harvard," said he. "I think well of it because graduated me. For a long time it was the custom of Harvard to confer the degree of LL. D. on the governor of Massachusetts. I do not know exactly whether to honor or to be honored by the honor, but I should have been last of the line to benefit by that custom. When President Elliott handed me my parchment I thought I detected some hesitation in the way he received because they carried it. I am asked to speak on Harvard. It is unnecessary where every man's name is allied with Harvard. She speaks for herself."

Seat of Education.

Mr. John R. Proctor, who followed Secretary Long, referred to Harvard as the seat of education in matters of good government. For this reason, he said, the importance of the college just at this time was greater than ever before. Uncle Sam, he said, had been obliged to go into the open market for men for the war, and the work of these men has had a good effect about government, and in this connection he mentioned Gov. Wood of Cuba.

The present conditions, Mr. Proctor continued, reminded him of the southern lady who gave her old nurse a thermometer by which to tell when the temperature of the water in which the children were bathed was warm enough. The nurse said there was no need for it; when the water was too cold the children turned blue, and when too hot they turned red. So with the United States. She had been governing without a thermometer and the hap-hazard way would no longer do. Harvard's special instruction in good government would, he said, stand the nation in good stead, now that she had spread out and had undertaken to govern people. Good government, he said, is the coming issue. The tariff is dying out as a party issue, and with the tremendous output of gold the financial question will be settled, but government—the proper government of other people—is important. Mr. Proctor concluded by saying that no son of Harvard had a warmer love for the college than he.

Union of Clubs.

Mr. B. F. Leighton of St. Louis spoke of the organization of the Union of Harvard Clubs in the west, and said that he hoped to see the time when all the Harvard clubs in the country would join the association, which was not confined to the west. He formally invited the Washington club to join.

Speeches were also made by Representative Henry S. Bostell, Prof. Strobel of the Harvard Law School, the Japanese minister, who is a graduate of Harvard; W. F. Brown, keeper of the Harvard archives; Alfred S. Hartwell, commissioner from the Hawaiian Islands; John W. H. Rhine, Francisco, who recently returned from the Philippines; Francis Curtis, editor of the Harvard College paper; and W. H. Hackett, H. W. Wiley and Archibald King, the last named representing the freshman class.

Officers Chosen.

At a business meeting of the club held before the dinner these officers were elected for the coming year: President, Edward Lander; vice presidents, F. W. Hackett, F. T. Howe, John Sidney Webb, Walter Fowkes and Rev. P. M. Rhine; secretary, Rev. J. McBride Sterrett; treasurer, Pickering Dodge.

These persons were elected to membership: Stephen S. Snow, J. A. Hill, Early Vernon Wilcox, Richard Thorpe Fisher, G. Fred Schwarz, Herbert Putnam, P. D. Phair, Thomas A. Clark, Henry Grinnell, Howard Atherton, Cutler, W. D. Goddard, E. H. Goodwin, Ernest M. Padlock, John A. Brett, John Gorham Palfrey, William Frazier Curtis, Charles S. Hawes, Frank Wilcox, W. Johnston, John S. Napen, John R. MacArthur, John H. S. Napen, H. Hartwell, Theodore Wilson and Jutaro Komura.

Among the guests at the dinner were Judge Edward Lander, John W. Hayden, Secretary John D. Long, J. M. Fry, Prof. Simon Newcomb, George Lawrence, Alfred S. Hartwell, Frank Warren Hackett, Prof. S. F. Emmons, Bernard R. Green, William H. Putnam, J. McMillan, Frank Wigglesworth Clark, Edwin C. Davis, G. Goward, B. Pickman Mann, James McBride Sterrett, Thomas A. Chard, Charles E. Munroe, Frank H. Bigelow, Prof. Harvey W. Wiley, Henry S. Bostell, W. H. Hackett, W. R. Moody, Henry E. Davis, Judge John K. Richards, John Q. A. Brett, Minister Jutaro Komura, Edward Henry Strobel, Charles Moore, Lucius N. Littauer, H. A. S. Napen, Pickering Dodge, Henry E. Cobb, H. Randall Webb, Herbert Putnam, Joseph Adams Hill, John B. MacArthur, Daniel Lyman Hazard, George Edmund Foster, James McCormick, George B. Leighton, George C. Deane, Frank H. Hitchcock, John B. Hackett, J. R. P. M. Rhine, John Wesley Powell, David L. Whittington, Walden Under and Henry Adams.

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ASSOCIATION PROPOSED.

Baptist Young People to Meet in Rockville February 8.

Special Correspondence of The Evening Star.

ROCKVILLE, Md., January 31, 1900.

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With Our February Sales.

During February we shall offer some of the greatest Shoe-attractions of our entire, great business-career. These offerings will add materially to our list of services rendered to the Washington Shoe-buying Public and will undoubtedly increase our February Sales largely. One thing you can be sure of, viz: That whatever you buy here is reliable or it would not find shelf-room with us.

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\$7.00 Men's Patent Leather and French Enamel Vici Kid and Box Calf Shoes.....	\$3.50	\$4.00 Boys' Finest Enamel, Patent Leather and Sealskin Double-sole Shoes.....	\$2.00
\$6.00 Russel, Cordovan, Fine Patent Leather Laced, Button and Gaiters....	\$3.00	\$3.50 Boys' Leather-lined English Tan Calf and Black Box Calf Shoes.....	\$1.75
\$5.50 Men's Leather-lined, Waterproof Sealskin Duckers.....	\$2.75	\$3.00 Boys' and Youths' Hand-made French Calf Single and Double-sole Shoes.....	\$1.50
\$5.00 Men's Double and Single-sole Tan Wine and Seal Calf Shoes.....	\$2.50	\$4.00 Men's Enamel Bicycle Shoes and Brown Calf Tennis Shoes.....	\$2.00
\$4.00 Men's Hand-made French Calf and Russia Calf Shoes.....	\$2.00	\$3.00 Men's Tan and Black Calf, also Hub-Gro Shoes.....	\$1.50

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4 styles of Dongola Kid Solid-sole Laced and Button Boots, — \$1.25 95c.

Genuine Vici Kid, Extension-edge-sole, Perfect-fitting \$1.50 Boots, kid or patent tips..... \$1.19

150 pairs \$2.50 Fine Kid Laced Boots, very popular style, at..... \$1.69

Elegant \$3 Quality Hand-sewed Welt and Turn-sole Walking and High-cut Storm Boots, — 10 styles, — at..... \$2.39

The very finest French Patent Leather Calf Dress Shoes, heavy sole, mannish shape, or light sole, coin toes, — all our regular \$3.50 and \$4 Shoes at..... \$2.89

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THE LAW IN THE CASE.

Views of Both Sides Regarding the Kentucky Situation.

A number of able lawyers of the House of both political parties have spent considerable time in consideration of the legal phases of the situation in Kentucky.

Representative Grosvenor of Ohio said last evening: "It is beyond cavil that Taylor, up to whatever action was taken yesterday, was legally governor of Kentucky, because he held the certificate of election from the board of electors under the Goebel law. If the contest was legally passed upon by the terms of the Goebel law then Taylor is governor and Taylor is ousted. Here two considerations arise. A distinguished Kentucky lawyer informs me that in the final proceedings each house must give no opinion as to the validity of the act. If he is right then the action of yesterday is void. As to the right of Taylor to convoke the legislature February 6 at Louisville, I can give no opinion as I am not sufficiently familiar with the law of Kentucky. If it is a legal order under the constitution then any act of the legislature before that date is valid."

Representative Rhea's View.

Representative Rhea of Kentucky said: "The democrats have pursued constitutional and peaceful methods, and public sentiment must and will sustain this party. Goebel has been duly declared governor by the only constitutional body authorized to determine the rights of the contest. In a perfectly legal and orderly manner he has been sustained in the courts of this country."

Representative Miers' Opinion.

Representative Miers, democrat, of Indiana, who was judge of the circuit court of Indiana for two terms, said that he had read the provision of the Kentucky constitution empowering the governor to adjourn the legislature in case of "war, insurrection or pestilence," to such place as he should see fit, and it seemed to him that the governor must be the judge of the existence of a state of insurrection. Gov. Taylor has declared a state of insurrection and adjourned the legislature to meet February 6, it strikes me in an offhand way that no action taken by the members of the legislature before that date could be legal."

Taylor's Action Must Stand.

Representative Grout of Vermont said: "The certificate of the election commissioners made Taylor's title as governor complete until legally set aside by the legislature. The committee of the house had found Goebel elected, and if that finding had been legally adopted by the legislature it would unquestionably make Goebel the legal governor."

"But meantime, Gov. Taylor, under a provision in the constitution, called the legislature together at Louisville, and the ground that Frankfort was in a state of insurrection. Whether the condition in Frankfort justified this action of the governor is, of course, a proper inquiry for the courts, but I will venture no opinion upon it. Until held illegal by the courts it must stand, and the fact remains that the legislature was not allowed to adjourn and did not assemble as a legislature and adopt the report giving Goebel the seat. In an informal way I declared him elected. I believe the courts will hold that the action of the legislature should have been in the two houses as deliberative bodies, regularly convened with notice to the members, and that the majority of time and place, in order to make its action legal, especially on so important a matter as unseating a governor."

"I cannot see how Goebel's title can be held good on the informal and ex parte action of the democrats, even though Taylor's action may ultimately be held unjustified in adjourning the legislature. The question raised is one of title and not of right."

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They're the best Shoes you ever bought for \$1.50, but we shall sell them as long as they're here at..... 95c.

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Wilder Suits, in blue or black cheviot, English tweeds, cassimeres, etc., regular \$15 qualities, for \$7.50. Overcoats in heavy coverts, kerseys and meltons—\$10 values for..... \$7.50

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IN CONSIDERING PENSION CLAIMS.

Rules for the Guidance of the Senate Committee.

For the information of the Senate, Mr. Gallinger, chairman of the committee on pensions, has had printed in the Congressional Record rules adopted by his committee for their guidance in considering pension claims. These rules have lately been reviewed by the committee, and are as follows:

1. No bill will be considered by this committee unless application for pension or increase of pension has first been made to the bureau of pensions, nor while the claim is pending in the bureau, except in cases where conclusive proof is presented, that the claimant has no pensionable status under existing laws. Claims passed upon by the bureau, whether allowed or rejected, will not be given consideration until a period of at least one year has elapsed. Provided, however, that in case of persons over seventy years of age, or claims which have been rejected because they do not technically come within the provisions of existing law, the requirement as to time may be waived.

2. Where original pension or increase of pension has been allowed by special act, no proposition for additional pension will be entertained.

3. In no case will the allowance of arrears be recommended in a special pension bill.

4. Bills proposing to pension sons or daughters of soldiers who will not be entertained by the committee unless the claimant's affidavit, and in no case will pension be recommended for a widow at a